

To: Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors
Transmission Access Hearing Comments
400 West Summit Hill Drive
Knoxville, TN 37902

From: John H. Colliver
633 Salem Church Rd.
Cave City, KY 42127

Re: Comments for Inclusion in the 18 May, 2006 TVA Public Hearing Regarding
Providing Transmission System Access to Serve Distributors of TVA Power that
Seek Another Power Provider

Although I was unable to appear at the TVA hearing in Hopkinsville, KY on May 18th I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns with these comments.

TVA has been a supplier for many years to customers in Southern Kentucky. Although my farm isn't supplied by your services; it is materially and directly affected by the proposed ruling which would provide transmission system access to serve distributors of TVA power that seek another power provider. East Kentucky Power is proposing the construction of a transmission line to provide power to Warren Rural Electric. This 96 mile, 161 kv transmission line would duplicate the transmission service currently provided by TVA. This new line will severely affect the viewscape in the community, reduce the value of my land, and curtail my farming activities.

I strongly support TVA allowing some distributors to use its transmission lines to get power from other suppliers. This avoids costly duplication of services while preventing damage to viewsapes, and preserving our environment and production agriculture.

Preserving Kentucky's commitment to environmental quality is one of the three governing principles of Kentucky's Comprehensive Energy Strategy released in 2005 by Governor Ernie Fletcher. In the final paragraph of the first page of this strategic planning document Governor Fletcher indicates "All Kentuckians hope to leave the next generation with a more prosperous and more beautiful Kentucky". I strongly urge TVA to join the Governor in this desire by continuing its long-standing commitment to improving the quality of life of people while preserving the environment.

The chairman of Kentucky's PSC, Mr. David Goss made a statement about duplication of facilities "is not the best use of utility resources, because it can place unnecessary burdens on landowners and because it creates needless visual clutter on our landscape". Amen! My farm in Barren County is one of over 700 landowners in the four county area affected by this proposed transmission line construction and it definitely is a burden!

Recommendation 17 in the KY Comprehensive Energy Strategy is: “The Commonwealth of Kentucky should identify impediments to investment in electricity generation, transmission and distribution and develop policies to promote investment while ensuring that appropriate environmental protections are maintained and local voices are heard.”

We as stakeholders appreciate the willingness of TVA to hear our concerns. TVA obviously has to increase rates in view of increased expenses. However, to lose the business of a large customer base adversely affects TVA’s bottom line. If no resolution to keep these long time customers can be accomplished, we encourage TVA to recoup some of their loss revenue by making a change allowing the use of existing power lines.

Certainly many agree that a more thorough examination of the implications of new construction needs to be accomplished. Obviously, the Federal Rural Utility Service is conducting an environmental study and also the government 106 process will need to be completed before further steps are taken.

Many of the farmers in our area support the proposal that TVA allow EKPC to use certain existing lines provided that just and fair compensation be paid TVA for this concession.

We appreciate this opportunity to express our concerns. We ask the TVA Board do whatever necessary to help protect the conservation of our land and the long term effects of all their customers.